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- At 6:30 p.m. on 20 September 1951, 31 MiG-15s were observed at Finow airfield. Four MiG-15s were aloft. The red 25X1B and 25X1B were identified on four aircraft. (1) There was flying throughout the afternoon until about 9:15 p.m. The MiG-15s took off in groups of two and flew in formations of four planes. The flights lasted about 15 minutes. Two trucks with mounted searchlights, 1 motor vehicle with a plexiglass cupola, 2 tank trucks 25X1B, and 6 trucks, including two with the 25X1B were parked south of the runway.

- No boundary lights were seen around the field. The runway was marked by white lamps fitted on poles about 25 cm high and from 40 to 50 meters apart. At the ends there were large lamps. Two low wooden buildings were located in the eastern extension of the runway. An individual radio mast and four radio masts arranged in a square were observed near the two buildings. (2) North of the field there was a restricted area which bordered on Poststrasse and Diesenthaler Chaussee to the east, on Schoepfurterstrasse to the north, and with a pond to the west. Barracks buildings, material dumps, garages, and a tank installation were located in this fenced-in and guarded area. (3)

- Between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 21 September, 47 MiG-15s and 6 biplanes were parked at the field. Five MiG-15s, parked in the northeastern corner of the field, had the red 25X1B. There 25X1B was no flying. Tank truck 25X1B were observed entering and leaving the installation.

- The eastern boundary of the field extends along Diesenthaler Chaussee from kilometer marker 0.0 to 1.7 and has a wire fence from kilometer marker 0.3 to 1.4. Gates are near kilometer markers 0.3 and 1.6. A twin cable line lead from the former forester's station near Lake Schwaerze to the radio installation with four masts east of the field, and from there to some underground bunkers in the eastern portion of the installation. A second such line leads from the forester's station toward the northeast, to the military headquarters in the Ardelet Plant. Six radio trucks and 5 trucks were seen in the yard of Finowfurth estate. A mast about 15 meters

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high with a rectangular frame about 10 meters long on its top was observed in the park of the estate. A dual cable connected the mast with the flight control building. (4)

5. About 200 Soviet Air Force personnel were quartered in several low wooden buildings in the restricted area east of Diesenthaler Chaussee. Air force officers and their dependents were billeted in the restricted area west of this highway.

B-2 6. At 10:45 a.m. on 26 September, four MiG-15s with the red numbers [REDACTED] 25X1B

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and with cowled air intakes were parked in the north-eastern corner of the field. Sixteen MiG-15s, all having four digit numbers including No [REDACTED], were observed on the eastern edge of the installation. Eight MiG-15s were parked in a row on the southern edge. All MiG-15s seen were single-seaters and fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks projecting beyond the leading edges of their wings. They had white-bordered Soviet stars and aircraft numbers. At 10:45 a.m., the eight MiG-15s parked on the southern edge of the installation taxied to the eastern end of the runway, formed two rows 50 meters apart with a distance of 75 meters between the individual planes. The same aircraft took off within a few seconds after 10:49 a.m. Their landings were not observed until 1:30 p.m. About 25 MiG-15s, 6 single-engine planes and 3 PO-2s were parked on the northern edge of the field.

7. An estimated 200 air force officers and 1,500 IM were stationed in Pinow. (5) Tank truck B 7-86-31 and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1B

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were observed at the field. At 10:10 a.m., a large six-seater olive drab sedan, occupied by four US officers, was slowly proceeding along Diesenthaler Chaussee toward Pinow. The sedan had a green US license plate and a black Soviet license plate with white numbers preceded by a [REDACTED] 25X1B

- C-3 8. About 5 p.m. on 30 September, a rail transport of about 50 air force NCOs and IM with baggage left Pinow toward Eberswalde. Source learned from an employee at Pinow air force hospital that the entire linen of the hospital had to be packed by 6 October.

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- (2) The radio installation is an Adcock DF station.  
(3) The fighter division headquarters is probably also quartered in the restricted area.  
(4) For location sketch, see Annex. The use of the foraster's station on Lake Schwaezsee which was reported for the first time to be connected with the airfield and the purpose of the lines leading to the Adcock DF station and the Soviet Army headquarters in Ardelt Platts, Eberswalde, have not been determined.  
(5) The occupation strength is believed to be underrated. From the air force units quartered in Pinow it is believed that at least 2,000 personnel are stationed there.

Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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